

August 24, 2018

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket No. 2009-411-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On August 23, 2018, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") filed a request with the Commission in the above-captioned docket for approval of an extension, *nunc pro tunc*, of its various Energy Efficiency Programs in South Carolina ("Extension Request").

Piedmont is currently going through its annual Rate Stabilization Act ("RSA") process for 2018 in Docket No. 2018-7-G. Piedmont made its initial filing in that docket on June 15, 2018 and the Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") report on Piedmont's filing is due September 1, 2018. The Commission's Initial Order approving revised rates for Piedmont under the RSA is due October 15, 2018.

The pendency of Piedmont's Extension Request has the potential to create ambiguity regarding the inclusion of Energy Efficiency Program costs in Piedmont's revised RSA rates. In order to eliminate that ambiguity, Piedmont respectfully requests that the Commission expedite its resolution of Piedmont's Extension Request in order to rule on that request on August 29, 2018 or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

Piedmont has consulted with the ORS on this request for expedited ruling and is authorized to advise the Commission that ORS supports expedited disposition of Piedmont's Extension Request in order to resolve any ambiguity regarding the status of Piedmont's Energy Efficiency Programs going forward.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

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This the 24th day of August, 2018.

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